#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant and Sole Inventor: William S. Lerner

Title: A METHOD USING LIGHT EMITTING DIODES OF WARNING

INDIVIDUALS ABOUT HOT SURFACES ON STOVES

#### **DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled A METHOD USING LIGHT EMITTING DIODES OF WARNING INDIVIDUALS ABOUT HOT SURFACES ON STOVES, the specification of which is attached hereto. I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, CFR, Section 1.56(a).

I claim priority of the following previously filed and presently pending U.S. patent applications: US application no. 10/446919 filed May 28, 2003, US application no. 10/429111 filed May 2, 2003, US application no. 09/788594 filed February 21, 2001, US application no. 10/238348 filed September 10, 2002. I am the Applicant for each one of them. I also claim priority from US Patent no. 6,104,007 issued to William S. Lerner.

I hereby appoint the following attorney to prosecute the application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Steven Horowitz, Registration no. 31,768. Address all telephone calls to Steven Horowitz at(212) 867-6800. Address all correspondence to Steven Horowitz, Counselor At Law, 295 Madison Avenue, Suite 700, New York, New York 10017.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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### **DECLARATION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The above-referenced accompanying application qualifies for treatment as a patent application filed by a small entity.

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